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ACT No. X OF 1894.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

(*Received the assent of the Governor General on the 29th March' 1894.*)

An Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882; It is hereby enacted as follows:— of 1882.

Amendment of section 44, Act X, 1882.

1. In section 44 of the said Code the figures "143, 144, 145, 147, 148," shall be inserted between the figures "130" and the figures "302".

Amendment of section 45, Act X, 1882, and addition of a section thereafter.

2. (*1*) For the part of section 45 of the said Code beginning with the words "Every village-headman" and ending with the words "under suspicious circumstances" the following shall be substituted, namely:—

Village-headmen, accountants, land-holders and others bound to report certain matters.

"45. Every village-headman, village-accountant, village-watchman, village-police-officer, owner or occupier of land, and the agent of any such owner or occupier, and every officer employed in the collection of revenue or rent of land on the part of Government or the Court of Wards, shall forthwith communicate to the nearest Magistrate or to the officer in charge of the nearest police-station, whichever is the nearer, any information which he may obtain respecting—

(*a*) the permanent or temporary residence of any notorious receiver or vendor of stolen property in any village of which he is headman, accountant, watchman or police-officer, or in which he owns or occupies land, or is agent, or collects revenue or rent:

(*b*) the resort to any place within, or the passage through, such village of any person whom he

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he knows, or reasonably suspects, to be a thug, robber, escaped convict or proclaimed offender ;

(*c*) the commission of, or intention to commit, in or near such village any non-bailable offence or any offence punishable under section 143, 144, 145, 147 or 148 of the Indian Penal Code ; XLV of 1860.

(*d*) the occurrence in or near such village of any sudden or unnatural death or of any death under suspicious circumstances ;".

(*2*) In the same section, after clause (*e*), added by section 2 of Act III of 1894, the following shall be inserted, namely :—

"(*f*) any matter likely to affect the maintenance of order or the prevention of crime or the safety of person or property respecting which the District Magistrate, by general or special order made with the previous sanction of the Local Government, has directed him to communicate information."

(*3*) After the same section the following section shall be added, namely :—

Appointment of village-headmen by District Magistrate in certain cases for purposes of section 45.

"45 A. Subject to rules in this behalf to be made by the Local Government, the District Magistrate may from time to time appoint one or more persons to be village-headmen for the purposes of the last foregoing section in any village for which there is no such headman appointed under any other law."

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